

CARR-1568

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5  
Near 1522 Old Westminster Pike

c.1800-1899

**Summary:**

Bridge 5 on the Old Westminster Pike is typical of the small stone bridges built on turnpikes in the nineteenth century in Carroll County to cross small streams and gullies that only periodically carry rainwater runoff. The earliest bridges were of wood, but they required constant maintenance and periodic replacement, so most turnpike companies systematically switched to masonry structures such as this. Its survival is indicative of the success of this switch. The date of construction for this bridge is not known, and its traditional design is almost impossible to narrow down to a fifty year range, but it is likely that the bridge was constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Despite the success of the stone bridges, the turnpikes did not survive, being taken over by the State of Maryland in the 1910's.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CARR-1568

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DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5

## 2. Location

street & number Near 1522 Old Westminster Pike    not for publication

city, town Sandymount   X   vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<u>  </u> district	<u>  X  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  X  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  X  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Contributing Resources: 1

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 5 is located just south of 1522 Old Westminster Pike, about four and three-quarters miles southeast of Westminster in east central Carroll County, Maryland. The ground here slopes down to the south. The bridge is of rubble stone construction. The south abutment is 32', 7" long by 2' wide and is 2', 1" high above the roadbed and 11', 6" high above the dry streambed. It has a segmentally-arched opening with stone voussoirs that is 2', 9" high. The north abutment is 33', 5" long, 2' wide, is 8" above the roadbed and 3', 5" above the ground. There appears to be a stone-lined well around the opening of the tunnel under the bridge. The tunnel cannot be seen. This stone well may be a later addition and is partly covered over on top.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

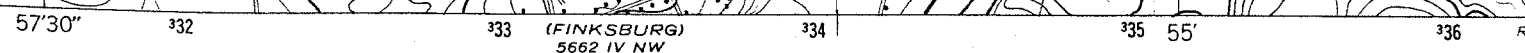
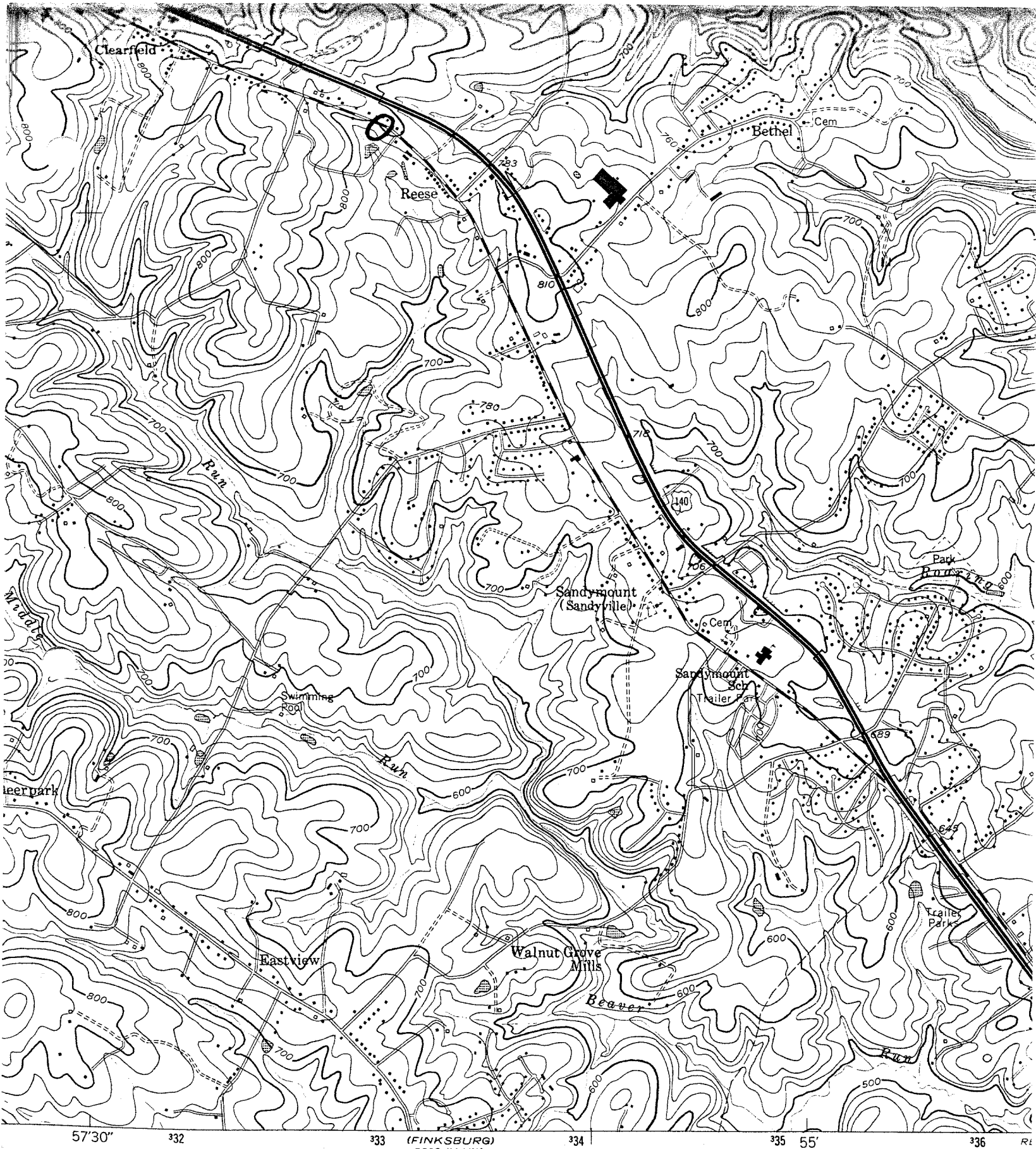
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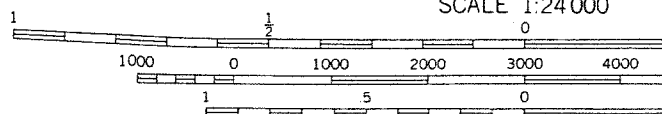
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